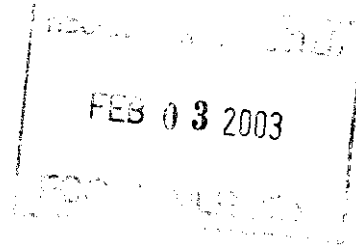


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Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

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I am an employee of Access Integrated Networks, Inc., a competitive local telecommunications provider, and I would like to express my strong support for the continued growth of competition in the local phone service marketplace.

Access and similar companies provide an alternative to the incumbent carrier for local telephone service at very competitive prices. The ability to choose among several options for local phone service has been proven beneficial in fostering competition and reducing local phone bills for residential and small business customers – key goals of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

I understand that the FCC is on the verge of changing the 'rules' - effectively removing consumers' ability to choose their local phone service provider. . .and possibly causing harm to my company and its employees like myself.

Please consider the benefits competitive carriers like Access provide to residential and small business customers and do not eliminate the availability of choice in favor of a return to higher prices and a re-monopolization of the local phone service market.

Thank you.

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